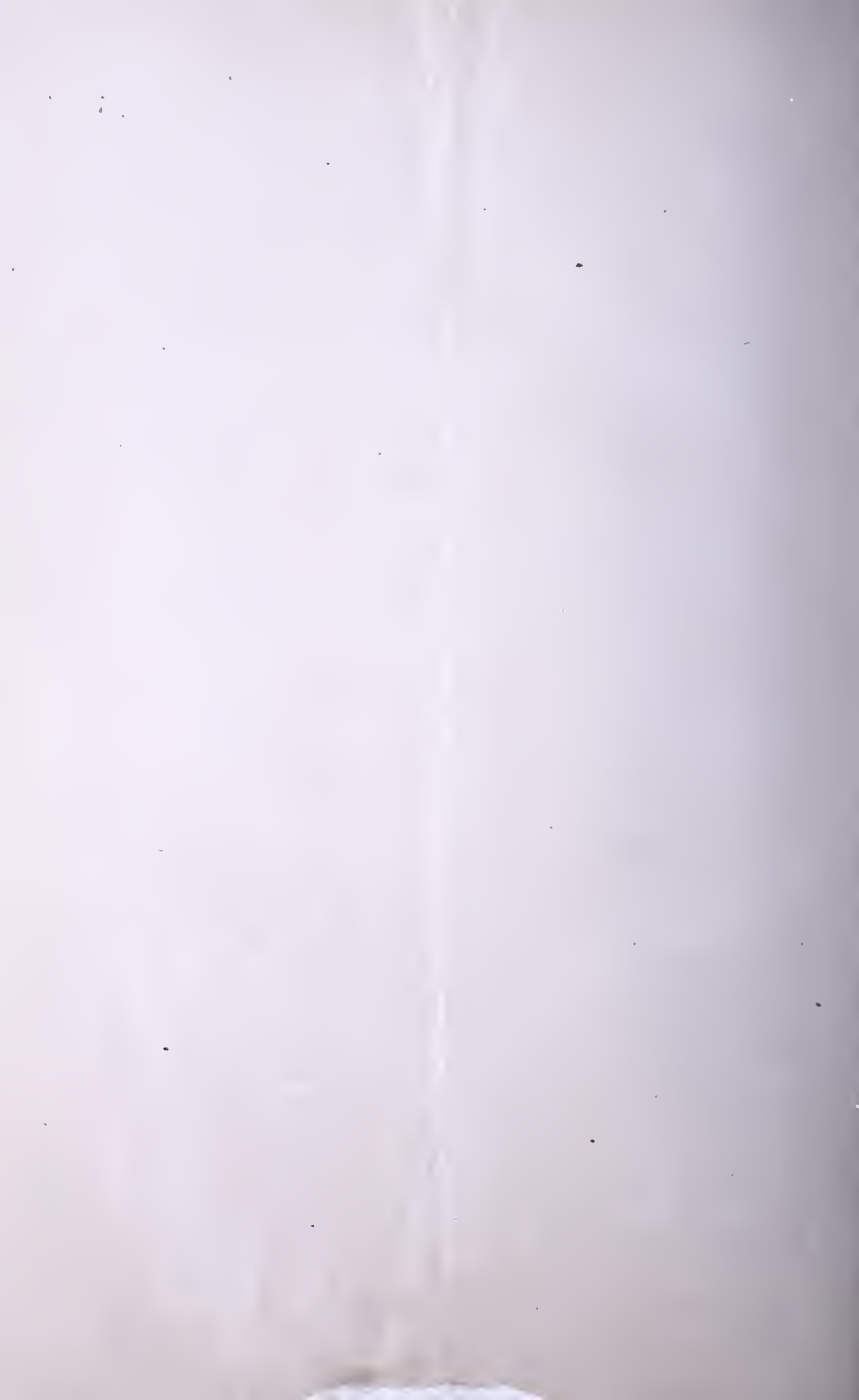


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FUEL SAVINGS SOCIETY.

REGULATIONS.

5th mo., 1877.

No deposits raised by charitable contributions shall be received, and none from persons whose circumstances will enable them to purchase a supply of fuel in the season when it is plenty in the market; or from those who keep coal for sale, nor from the keepers or inmates of houses of immoral character, including taverns. No person shall be allowed to deposit with more than one of the Receivers. If any such case occurs, the claim of the depositor for coal will be liable to forfeiture, at the discretion of the Fuel Committee. Fuel will be delivered within the paved limits of the city, from the 1st of 12th month (December) to the 1st of 3d month (March), on orders signed by the Receivers of Deposits. Any sum, *however small*, will be received, not to exceed *one dollar* at any *one time*, nor the price of three tons of coal in one season. Deposits to be closed the 31st of 10th month (October), without an order from the Chairman of the Fuel Committee extending the time.

RECEIVERS OF DEPOSITS, 1877, 1878.

JAMES T. SHINN, Druggist, S. W. cor. Broad and Spruce Sts.

WM. B. CHAMBERS, Grocer, N. E. cor. Fifth and Pine Sts.

S. T. JONES, Druggist, N. E. cor. Fifteenth and Race Sts.

BENNET L. SMEDLEY, Druggist, S. E. cor. Twenty-first and Vine Sts.

ISAAC H. KAY, Druggist, N. W. cor. Eleventh and Arch Sts.

JAMES L. BISPHAM, Druggist, 710 South Second St.

ROBERT ENGLAND, Druggist, S. W. cor. Tenth and Catharine Sts.

LANCASTER THOMAS, Druggist, N. E. cor. Broad and Ellsworth Sts.

DR. EDWARD MARIS, Philadelphia Dispensary, Fifth below Chestnut St.

ROBERT F. FAIRTHORNE, Druggist, N. W. cor. Nineteenth and Arch Sts.

GEORGE M. SNOWDON, Druggist, S. W. cor. Fourth and Noble Sts.

GEORGE W. SHIRLEY, Real Estate, No. 1706 South St.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

FUEL SAVINGS SOCIETY,

OF THE

CITY AND LIBERTIES OF PHILADELPHIA,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5TH MONTH, 1877.

In accordance with their usual practice, the Managers herewith present to the contributors and to the public, a brief statement of their operations during the past year, and a comparison with those of previous years. Since the number of receivers was increased and the facilities for making deposits thereby extended, the latter have largely increased in both number and amount as the following tabular statement will show:

Receivers.	No. of depositors.	Amount of deposits.	Families of Depositors.			
			Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
James T. Shinn.....	405	\$3,129.03	197	391	771	1,359
James L. Bispham.....	8	81.00	8	8	28	44
Wm. B. Chambers.....	38	247.25	21	43	71	135
Bennett L. Smedley.....	9	72.25	4	10	17	31
Samuel T. Jones.....	31	258.88	11	34	72	117
Isaac H. Kay.....	94	793.88	53	100	232	385
Robert England.....	232	1,781.75	149	222	574	945
James Kenworthy.....	14	91.15	8	16	42	66
Lancaster Thomas.....	37	287.10	21	44	107	172
Dr. Edw. Maris.....	28	199.95	19	36	59	114
Robt. F. Fairthorne.....	12	79.25	2	13	11	26
Geo. M. Snowdon.....	82	311.73	31	44	93	168
Geo. W. Shirley.....	31	200.00	14	23	52	89
Chas. F. Lance.....						
Total for 1876-77.....	1021	7,533.22	538	984	2,129	3,651
Total for 1875-76.....	821	7,738.25	533	913	1,996	3,442
Total for 1874-75.....	699	6,554.70	446	764	1,509	2,719
Total for 1873-74.....	523	5,191.77	305	548	1,167	2,020

The increase in the number of depositors is nearly 25 per cent. and the Managers feel assured that the more widely the benefits of your Society extend, the greater will be the desire of suitable persons to make use of the means which it places in their hands of supplying themselves with good coal at a reduced rate.

The Society's contract for coal was this year made with H. W. Black. The price paid for it by the Society was \$4.95 per ton for stove size, and \$4.30 for nut size, and the price charged to depositors was \$4.25 for stove size, and \$3.50 for nut size, or about 75 cents per ton below cost.

From the Treasurer's account we make up the following statement:—

8½ Tons Stove Coal account 1875-76, at \$6 70, .	\$56 95	
3½ " " " " " " 5 70, .	19 95	
1349 " Stove " " 1876-77, " 4 95, .	6677 55	
515½ " Nut " " " " 4 30, .	2216 33	
	<hr/>	\$8,970 78
Cash returned to depositors,		8 20
Expenses—printing, pass-books, etc.,		108 75
		<hr/>
		\$9,087 73
Deduct amount received from depositors,		7,533 22
		<hr/>
Deficiency to be supplied by the Society,		\$1,554 51

The occupations of the depositors were as follows:—

Washerwomen and laundresses,	223	Painters,	8
Housekeepers and housemaids,	131	Blacksmiths,	8
Sewing women,	89	Printers,	5
Laborers,	85	Cigar makers,	6
Shoemakers,	30	Seamen and watermen,	8
Tailors and tailoresses,	26	Porters,	5
Hucksters,	20	Salesmen,	2
Carpenters,	17	Factory hands,	4
Machinists,	14	Bricklayers,	4
Waiters,	14	Barbers,	3
Weavers,	10	Box makers,	3
House cleaners,	10	Clerks,	3
Coopers,	12	Riggers,	3
Nurses,	10	Peddlers,	5
Drivers,	9		

Plasterers, tinsmiths, stevedores, firemen, varnishers, sawyers, engineers, cabinet makers, turners, teachers, each 2, and twenty-six other occupations of which each has one representative. There is also a number of depositors of whose employment no record is made.

The managers avail themselves of the present opportunity to acknowledge the care and fidelity with which the receivers have performed the important duties confided to them.

ISRAEL H. JOHNSON,
President.

B. W. BEESLEY,
Secretary.

Annual Report of Charles P. Perot, Treasurer of The Fuel

1876.			
May 2.	To balance on hand this date,	. . . . .	\$519 88
1877.			
April 30.	To amount received from depositors per hands of Re-		
	ceivers this year, 1876-77,	. . . . .	7,533 22
	" amount received from depositors per hands of Re-		
	ceivers for account year 1875-76	. . . . .	14 25
	" D. W. Knowles for subscriptions account 1875-76,	. . . . .	4 75
	" " " " "		
	1876-77,	. . . . .	506 00
	Less commissions, 5 per cent.,	. . . . .	25 30
			<hr/> 480 70
	To amounts collected by members,	. . . . .	10 00
	" 12 months interest on \$3,200 U. S. bonds,	. . . . .	192 00
	Premium on gold,	. . . . .	18 42
			<hr/> 210 42
	To 12 months interest on \$5,200, Lehigh Loan, 1884,	. . . . .	312 00
	" " " " 5,200, Schuyl. N. Loan, 1882,	. . . . .	312 00
	" " " " 1,000, Penn. R. R. Loan,	. . . . .	60 00
	" " " " 2,000, Mortgage,	. . . . .	120 00
	" 6 " " 1,500, Pittsburgh City Loan		
	(Butler St.),	. . . . .	52 50
	" interest on deposits to date,	. . . . .	30 07
	" legacy, estate of Charles Peneveyre,	. . . . .	500 00
	Less collateral inheritance tax,	. . . . .	25 00
			<hr/> 475 00
			<hr/> \$10,134 79
1877.			
May 1.	To balance on hand,	. . . . .	\$1,047 06

Savings Society of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia.

1876. By Branson & Bros., bill account, 1875-76,		
8½ tons stove coal, \$6.70, . .	56	95
3½ " nut " 5.70, . .	19	95
		<hr/>
		76 90
“ H. W. Blacks, bills account, 1876-77.		
1,349 tons stove coal, \$4.75, .	6,677	55
515½ " nut " 4.30, .	2,216	33
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		8,893 88
“ amounts returned depositors in cash, . . .	8	20
“ rent of box Philadelphia Safe Deposit & Trust Co., .	15	00
“ printing pass books and stationery, . . .	71	75
“ “ annual report,	22	00
Balance,	1,047	06

\$10,134 79

The undersigned having examined the above account and compared it with the vouchers, find it correct, there being a balance on hand of ten hundred and forty-seven and 13/100 dollars on deposit in The Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company.

Signed,

CHAS. ROBERTS,

Committee to audit Treasurer's account.

CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, the article of Fuel constitutes an important item in the public, as well as private expenditure for the support of the poor, and it being expedient to devise some plan to diminish the increasing demand on public beneficence, and also to afford encouragement to habits of industry and economy; therefore a number of citizens of Pennsylvania, desirous of promoting these objects, have associated themselves under the title of "THE FUEL SAVINGS SOCIETY OF THE CITY AND LIBERTIES OF PHILADELPHIA."

ARTICLE I.

THE OFFICERS

Shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Managers, who shall constitute a Board; and shall be chosen annually, and remain in office until their successors be appointed.

ARTICLE II.

THE TREASURER

Shall hold all moneys and other funds belonging to the Society, and pay the same on orders signed by the presiding officer countersigned by the Secretary; and shall give such security as may be required by the Board. His accounts shall be examined annually, and at such other times as they may direct.

ARTICLE III.

THE MANAGERS.

SEC. 1. Shall have power to elect members of the Society, make by-laws, accept resignations, supply vacancies in their own

body, and generally to transact the business of the Society in its recess.

SEC. 2. They shall meet on the first Monday after their election, and subsequently hold Stated Meetings, in each month except July, August, and September. Special Meetings may be convened at any time by the President, or in his absence by either of the Vice-Presidents, if requested in writing by two members.

SEC. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

FUEL COMMITTEE.

SEC. 4. The Managers shall appoint a Fuel Committee, whose duty it shall be to purchase fuel on the best terms; to provide a place for storing it; to superintend its distribution, and to report their proceedings at each stated meeting; and when their purchases are complete, to report the average cost of fuel, to enable the Board to determine the price for the coming season.

RECEIVERS OF DEPOSITS.

SEC. 5. They shall appoint suitable agents to receive deposits, who shall pay over the amount when called for by the Managers.

The deposits from any one person shall be limited by the Board, and be subject to such other regulations as may be adopted.

ARTICLE IV.

DEPOSITORS

Shall be entitled to draw Fuel in winter to the amount of their deposits, subject to such regulations as the Managers may adopt.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERS.

Candidates for membership shall be proposed at a meeting previous to that at which they are ballotted for; and the votes of two-thirds of those present shall be necessary to an election.

ARTICLE VI.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

SEC. 1. The Society shall have power to assess an annual contribution upon its members, for the support of the Institution, provided the clear yearly income of this Society from all sources shall not exceed \$2000. Ten dollars in one payment shall constitute a life membership. The clear yearly income shall not exceed \$2000.

SEC. 2. No officer or other member of the Society shall, directly or indirectly, receive any compensation for services rendered the Institution: nor shall they be responsible for any losses that may occur.

ARTICLE VII.

ALTERATIONS.

No alteration in the foregoing articles shall be made, unless proposed at one meeting of the Managers, and concurred in at another, and finally confirmed by the Society; unless the same be proposed at one meeting of the Society, and agreed to at a subsequent meeting. No By-Laws, Rules, or Regulations shall be made contrary to the Constitution or Laws of the United States, or of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or this Constitution.

Form of Bequest of Personal Estate.

I give and bequeath to the "Fuel Savings Society of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia," the sum of
towards promoting the objects of said Society.

Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

I give and devise to the "Fuel Savings Society of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia," all that (here describe the property), together with the appurtenances, to hold to the said "Fuel Savings Society of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia," for ever, to be disposed of and conveyed by the said Society in any manner which will promote its interests and objects.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS.
1877-1878.

ARTICLE I.

THE PRESIDENT

Shall preside at meetings; and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents; in their absence, a Chairman shall be appointed for that meeting.

ARTICLE II.

THE SECRETARY

Shall record the proceedings of the Board; notify the members of the time and place of meeting; take charge of the books and papers; notify the Chairman of each Committee of the objects of its appointment, and the names of colleagues; and perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

ARTICLE III.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 1. The roll call at the hour appointed.

First. The minutes of the last meeting read, and, if necessary, corrected.

Second. Letters or communications.

Third. Reports of standing Committees.

Fourth. Reports of Special Committees.

Fifth. Treasurer's Report.

Sixth. Unfinished business.

Seventh. New business.

SEC. 2. Motions to commit, postpone, divide a question, or adjourn shall always be in order, and a motion to adjourn shall be decided without debate.

SEC. 3. Any member may appeal to the Board from the decision of the Chair.

SEC. 4. The *ayes* and *nays* shall be entered on the minutes at the request of two members.

SEC. 5. When a vote is equally divided upon any question, the presiding officer shall give the casting vote.

SEC. 6. No one shall withdraw from the meeting without leave from the presiding officer.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

Stated meetings of the Board shall be held monthly, except 7th month, (July) 8th month, (August) and 9th month, (September) at such time and place as the Board may direct.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. Shall be appointed by the presiding officer, unless otherwise directed by the Board; and they shall report in writing.

Committee of Accounts.

SEC. 2. A Standing Committee of three shall examine all claims; at least two of whom shall approve thereof, prior to their being paid; except otherwise directed by the Board.

The Fuel Committee.

SEC. 3. Shall consist of four members, who shall, under direction of the Board, contract for fuel and report the same to the Board. They shall also propose suitable persons as Receivers of Deposits; shall furnish them with the books, blanks, &c., necessary for the performance of their duties, and generally supervise their actions and accounts.

ARTICLE VI.

THE RECEIVERS.

SEC. 1. Shall be appointed by the Board, and they alone shall receive money from depositors.

SEC. II. They shall furnish each depositor with a pass-book, and enter therein the date and amount of each deposit, and the date and amount of all orders for fuel.

SEC. III. They shall keep a regular account of deposits, and furnish a statement to the Board monthly, or at such times as they may direct; and pay over to the Treasurer when called upon, all moneys received.

SEC. IV. No deposit shall be received after the 31st day of 10th month (October), on account of the current year, unless authorized by a resolution of the Board; but deposits may be received at any time on the next year's account.

SEC. V. In giving orders for fuel, if there should be a balance due any depositor, short of the price of a quarter of a ton of coal, the receiver is authorized to give an order on the Treasurer for said balance; and any depositor, or his or her legal representatives, may demand and receive from the Treasurer the full amount of his or her deposits upon an order to be given by the Receiver with whom such deposits have been made, provided that such order has been obtained prior to the first day of 12th month (December), of the current year.

SEC. VI. They shall record in a book the *name, residence and occupation* of each depositor; *the number of male and female adults* in the family; and *the number of children*.

ARTICLE VII.

DEPOSITORS.

SEC. I. No deposit shall be received, raised by charitable contributions.

SEC. II. Fuel may be delivered to depositors, on and after 12th month 1st (December.)

ARTICLE VIII.

No alteration in the foregoing By-Laws shall be made, unless submitted to a previous meeting, and notice thereof given to members by the Secretary, and a vote of two-thirds shall be required to make a change.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

COLLECTED BY DANIEL W. KNOWLES.

Bailey, Joel J.....	\$5 00	Landreth, D. & Sons.....	5 00
Barcroft & Co.....	5 00	Lewis, Chas. S.....	5 00
Benson, G. S.....	5 00	Lippincott, Joshua.....	2 00
Biddle Hardware Co.....	10 00	Lovering, Jos. S.....	5 00
Brown, Alex.....	10 00	McKean, Borie & Co.....	50 00
Brown, Frederick.....	5 00	Morris, Wheeler & Co.....	5 00
Brown, Moses.....	5 00	Morris, Wistar.....	10 00
Burnham, Parry, W. & Co.....	10 00	Morris, Mrs. I. P.....	10 00
Carson, Geo. C.....	5 00	Mason, Jas. S. & Co.....	5 00
Cash, (N. & J. B. M.).....	10 00	Moore, B. H.....	5 00
Cash, (A. G. C.).....	2 00	Mellor, Thomas.....	5 00
Clark, E. W. & Co.....	10 00	Newbold's, W. H. Sons.....	10 00
Claghorn, Jas. L.....	5 00	Porter, W. A.....	10 00
Childs, Geo. W.....	10 00	Powers, Thos. H.....	10 00
Cope Bros.....	20 00	Purves, William.....	5 00
Cope, Caleb.....	5 00	Perkins, A. R.....	5 00
Cope, M. C.....	5 00	Richardson, Richard.....	20 00
Coates, Benj.....	5 00	Roberts, E., Jr.....	5 00
Curwen Stoddart & Co.....	5 00	Stokes, Caldwell & Co.....	10 00
Drexel & Co.....	10 00	Sharpless & Son.....	5 00
Duross Bros.....	2 00	Stevenson, A. M., Exec.....	5 00
Erringer, J. L.....	5 00	Stone, Jas. N.....	2 00
Ellison, J. B. & Sons.....	5 00	Trotter, N. & Co.....	5 00
Fenton, Thompson & Co.....	5 00	Welsh, S. & W.....	20 00
Gibson, J., Sons & Co.....	10 00	Williamson, I. V.....	10 00
Horstman, F. O.....	5 00	Wood, Marsh, H. & Co.....	5 00
H. J. W.....	5 00	Wharton, Atkinson & Co.....	5 00
Howell & Bros.....	5 00	White, John J.....	5 00
Hoyt, F. A. & Co.....	5 00	Whitall, Tatum & Co.....	5 00
Ingersol, E.....	5 00	Wood, Geo. B.....	5 00
Jayne, D. & Son.....	10 00		
Jeanes, J. T.....	10 00		
Jeanes, Joseph.....	10 00	Collected by members:	
Jeanes, Samuel.....	10 00	Through Jas. T. Shinn,	
Jones, Jacob P.....	10 00	A Friend.....	5 00
Jordan, Francis & Sons.....	1 00	Through I. H. Johnson,	
Jordan, John W.....	2 00	Ellen Waln.....	5 00